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### AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Stephen W. Briggs, III  
 App. No. : 10/762,772  
 Filed : January 22, 2004  
 For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
 SECURING TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE  
 ATTACHMENTS  
 Examiner : Teena Kay Mitchell  
 Art Unit : 3743

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(Date)

Glen L. Nuttall, Reg. No. 46,188

#### Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Amendment After Final Office Action in 9 pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, please reconsider the above-captioned application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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